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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development - Radium Pilot Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a Radium Pilot Grant Program within the Department of  
4 Housing and Community Development; authorizing ~~counties~~ a county to  
5 participate in the program; establishing conditions under which a county that  
6 participates in the program and the Department may award grants to  
7 residential well owners; ~~establishing the purpose of and certain conditions and~~  
8 criteria for a well owner to be eligible for a grant under the program; authorizing  
9 the Department to adopt regulations ~~necessary~~ to implement the program;  
10 requiring the Department to establish a certain formula for awarding grants;  
11 making this Act contingent on the availability of funding in the State budget;  
12 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the ~~creation~~  
13 ~~of a~~ Radium Pilot Grant Program.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development  
16 Section ~~2-314~~ 2-1601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Radium Pilot  
17 Grant Program"  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**2 SUBTITLE 16. RADIUM PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.3 ~~2-314-2-1601.~~

4 (A) THERE IS A RADIUM PILOT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

5 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
6 TO RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNERS WHO INCUR THE COST OF ADDING A WATER  
7 ~~FILTRATION~~ TREATMENT SYSTEM TO REMOVE RADIUM OR GROSS ALPHA FROM  
8 WELL WATER.

9 (C) (1) A COUNTY MAY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

10 (2) A COUNTY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD  
11 GRANTS TO RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
12 THIS SECTION.13 (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ONLY AWARD A GRANT UNDER THE  
14 PROGRAM TO A RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNER WHO RESIDES IN A COUNTY THAT  
15 PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.16 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS THAT ARE EQUAL IN  
17 AMOUNT TO EACH GRANT AWARDED BY A COUNTY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE  
18 PROGRAM.19 (E) A COUNTY THAT CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM SHALL  
20 PROCESS GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM WELL OWNERS.

21 (F) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A WELL OWNER:

22 (1) SHALL TEST A WELL AND FIND THE WELL TO CONTAIN RADIUM OR  
23 GROSS ALPHA LEVELS ABOVE THE ~~LEVEL~~ LEVELS RECOMMENDED BY THE FEDERAL  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY;25 (2) SHALL HAVE INSTALLED A WATER ~~FILTRATION~~ TREATMENT SYSTEM  
26 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING EXCESS LEVELS OF RADIUM OR GROSS ALPHA  
27 FROM WELL WATER; AND28 (3) MAY NOT EARN MORE THAN 110% OF THE STATEWIDE OR THE  
29 WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA MEDIAN INCOME.30 (G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO COUNTIES THAT  
31 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM A FORMULA FOR AWARDED GRANTS.32 (2) THE FORMULA SHALL BE A SLIDING SCALE BASED ON INCOME AND  
33 IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER SO THAT WELL OWNERS WITH LOWER INCOMES ARE  
34 ELIGIBLE FOR LARGER GRANTS AND WELL OWNERS WITH HIGHER INCOMES ARE  
35 ELIGIBLE FOR SMALLER GRANTS.

1 (H) THE COMBINED COUNTY AND STATE GRANT MAY NOT EXCEED 25% AND  
2 MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 10% OF THE COST OF THE WATER ~~FILTRATION~~ TREATMENT  
3 SYSTEM INSTALLED BY THE WELL OWNER.

4 (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the implementation of  
7 this Act is subject to the availability of funds in the State budget. Within 30 days after  
8 this Act is implemented, the Department of Housing and Community Development  
9 shall send to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis,  
10 Maryland 21401 certification of the date on which the Act is implemented.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 July 1, 2003. Upon the implementation of this Act as provided in Section 2 of this Act,  
13 this Act shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years, and on June 30 at the end of the  
14 third year after its implementation, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force  
15 and effect.